

Amendment No. 1 to SB0651

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 651

House Bill No. 702*

by deleting all of the language after the caption and substituting the following:

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the General Assembly in enacting this Act to encourage the expansion of agricultural sales by farmers and of the accessibility to farm-produced foods by informed end consumers through:

- (a) Facilitating the purchase and consumption of fresh local agricultural products;
- (b) Enhancing the agricultural economy; and
- (c) Providing Tennesseans with unimpeded access to healthy food from known sources; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-1-208, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

- (d) This section shall not apply to a farm to consumer distribution point, as defined in § 53-8-203.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-8-202, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

- (a) It is the purpose of this part to ensure that foods offered for public consumption in Tennessee are safe as prepared, processed, served, packaged, and delivered.
- (b) Food service establishments that are located within retail food stores are subject to this part and exempt from regulation in accordance with title 68, chapter 14, part 7.

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(c) Farm to consumer distribution points are exempt from this part.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-8-203, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() "Farm to consumer distribution point" means a temporary or permanent location, that is not open to the general public, where a farmer or the farmer's agent delivers food, produced by the farmer and previously sold under an agreement entered into between the farmer and the consumer, directly to the consumer or the consumer's agent;

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.